GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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RIGHTS TO NCM
Muqueem Shri Mohammed

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has recommended/suggested to the Government to give it equal rights at par with the National Human Rights Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. In the Action Taken Memorandum laid on the Table of Houses alongwith the National Commission for Minorities` Annual Report for the year 1995-96, it is stated that a member of the minority community can approach the National Commission for Human Rights to seek redressal of grievances arising out of violation of human rights. Under the provisions of the Human rights Act, 1993, the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities shall be deemed to be a member of NHRC for the discharge of various functions specified in that Act. As such conferring powers of investigations to the Commission on the pattern contained in the protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 may not be necessary.